

22. (Previously presented) The therapeutic or prophylactic device of claim 21 further comprising means for fixating said device in or to the annulus of a patient.

REMARKS

By this response, Applicant provides a corrected listing of claims having proper status identifiers. The status indicator of claim 13 is corrected to reflect that it has been canceled. No other changes have been made. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the corrected listing of claims is now proper, and places Applicant's response of December 2, 2004 in compliance for immediate examination.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present claims. If the Examiner has further questions, it is respectfully requested that she telephone the undersigned attorney.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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